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## **Christian Ridge Church of God**

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53 Christian Ridge Road • Ellsworth, ME 04605 • Tel 207-667-4534 • Website [www.christianridge.com](http://www.christianridge.com)

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March 10, 2009

**Subject:      Petition for Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirements**

### **Introduction:**

Christian Ridge Church, Ellsworth, ME is going to produce a Christian television program. It will be primarily filmed live and broadcasted on ABC 7 and eventually on the internet. The program will run 30 minutes and will contain the sermon and music.

### **Nature and cost of the closed captions:**

To send out for captioning: Souls Harbor Ministries (SHM) provides captioning services. To send tapes to SHM for captioning each week would cost \$500.00 for each program.

(Attachment 1) It would cost \$500.00 weekly/ \$26,000.00 annually for us to have SHM caption the program. In addition to this, there will be an undue delay in airing our program. Our local ABC 7 station does not offer closed captioning services.

To provide closed captioning in-house: At the present time we have neither the resources nor the personnel to perform this operation in-house. The cost for the computer program alone is \$6,005.00. (Attachment 2)

It is our desire as a church to reach as many and as diverse a people as possible. We would like to be able to close caption our programs when possible, or even include subtitles or a sign language interpreter in the future but, none of these are viable options at this time due to financial and personnel restraints.



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### **Impact on the operation of the program server:**

To add closed captioning to the program, we would either need to pay another ministry \$500.00 per week (\$26,000.00 per year) or purchase expensive equipment that is not in our budget. If funds or a donor were found to purchase equipment, there would still be a need for a trained person to option every week. All of our current equipment has been donated and the program is produced by volunteers with limited time. We are not able to find someone with the skills and the time to produce closed captions or subtitles, nor pay them for their services.

### **Financial resources of the program owner:**

Our program is a ministry of Christian Ridge Church, Ellsworth, ME, 04605. The program does not generate an income. Attached is the 2008 financial report for Christian Ridge Church. (Attachment 3)

### **Type of operations on the program owner:**

Our program is only one of the many ministries of our church. We are a non-profit organization and a member of the Church of God denomination. Our primary operations consist of caring for the Church body and community, ministering to the Body of Christ, saving souls and training disciples to become ministers of the Gospel.

### **Other relevant factors:**

We are a small body of believers consisting of 120 members and adherents. We have very limited financial and personal resources. Our program is produced and edited by volunteers who are not able to add the burden of closed captioning. Also, in light of the recent economic downturn, our receipts are lower than usual.

### **Conclusion:**

We at Christian Ridge Church desire to comply with the closed captioning requirements set forth by the FCC. Various methods of fulfilling this requirement have been investigated and all avenues are a burden to the program and the church. All possibilities explored exceed the financial resources of the church at this time, although we aspire to eventually provide this service. Therefore, Christian Ridge Church, 53 Christian Ridge Road, Ellsworth, ME, 04605, requests to be permitted exemption to closed captioning for our program.

Attachment # 1

Pastor  
Ronnie E. Libby

Assoc. Pastor  
Rick Libby

207.285.3131 - Office



P.O. Box 275  
Corinth, ME 04427-0275

P.O. Box 611  
Centreville, N.B. Canada E7K 3H5  
207.285.7958 - Fax

January 7, 2008

Christian Ridge Church of God  
53 Christian Ridge Road  
Ellsworth, Me 04605

Attention: Pastor Marcel Daigle.

Dear Sir:

Choice Christian Greetings.

In reference to your request for Souls Harbor to do the close caption for your Television program, please be advised that we have a set price of \$1,000.00 per hour.

If you do a thirty (30) minute program, it would be \$500.00 less 10% if paid within 30 days.

If you need more information feel free to contact me or if we can be of assistance in this manner, please give me a call at 285-7770.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Yours truly,

  
Pastor Ronnie E Libby

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Email: Pastor Ronnie E. Libby - Relsh155@aol.com Pastor Rick Libby - Rel1276@netscape.net

Website: [www.Soulsharbor.tv](http://www.Soulsharbor.tv)

WVII Bangor, ME  
Channel 7  
8:00 am



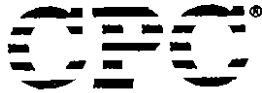
WAGM Presque Isle, ME  
Channel 8  
7:00 am



Global TV Canada  
Canada  
9:00 am



WBGR Bangor, ME  
Channel 33 - Adelpia 9  
Sun 10:00 am, Thurs 7:00 pm



Computer Prompting & Captioning Co.

Attachment #2

1010 Rockville Pike, Suite 306  
Rockville, Maryland 20852-1419, USA  
301-738-8487 • FAX 8488 • TTY 8489  
[info@cpcweb.com](mailto:info@cpcweb.com) • [www.cpcweb.com](http://www.cpcweb.com)

Fed ID #: 52-1911964

## PROPOSAL FOR A CAPTIONING SYSTEM

DATE:  
2/24/2009

To:  
Marcel Daigle  
Christian Ridge Church  
207-667-4534  
[mdaigle@pwless.net](mailto:mdaigle@pwless.net)

Qty	Items & Descriptions	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	CaptionMaker-DV (for miniDV and DVD captioning)	\$5,995	\$5,995
1	Shipping and handling	\$10	\$10
TOTAL			\$6,005

\* For details, please check the link: <http://www.cpcweb.com/dv/>

**Customer Support:** Free 5 hours of phone support is provided for 12 months from the date the software was purchased; and 2 hours of free phone support for 6 months from the date a software upgrade was purchased. The following plan picks up when that free support ends.

Software	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	Lifetime
CaptionMaker CPC-700 DV	\$550	\$1000	\$1350	\$1600	\$1700

Prepared by Jason Livingston  
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(Attachment 3)

### **Financial Statement 2008**

#### **Income:**

Designated Funds	\$54,978.98
<u>Contributions</u>	<u>\$197,103.74</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$252,082.72</b>

#### **Expense:**

Salaries	\$94,910.00
Guest Speakers	\$4,399.72
Missions	\$2,561.81
Gifts	\$2,049.66
Ministries/Outreach	\$27,866.77
Advertising	\$822.34
Utilities	\$9,710.50
Heat/Fuel	\$12,204.34
Insurances	\$2,858.98
Loans	\$33,985.08
General Fund	\$35,760.03
<u>TV Equipment</u>	<u>\$16,862.02</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$243,991.25</b>



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### General Affidavit

State of Maine

Hancock County

Before me, the undersigned Notary, Luann Corkins, on this 26 day of March, 2009, personally appeared Marcel Daigle, known to me to be a credible person of lawful age, who being by me first duly sworn, on his oath, deposes and says:

I, Marcel Daigle, do swear that the facts stated in this filing to be true and lawful to the best of my knowledge.

Marcel R. Daigle  
Pastor of Christian Ridge Church

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26 day of March, 2009.

Luann Corkins

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: Feb 22, 20 15